

Important Notice: Certificate of Competency Preemption – Effective July 1, 2025

The Palm Beach County Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB) would like to inform you that, effective **July 1, 2025**, specific trades will be preempted in accordance with the following state statutes:

- [House Bill 735 \(2021\) – The Florida Senate](#)
- [House Bill 1383 \(2023\) – The Florida Senate](#)
- [Senate Bill 1142 \(2024\) – The Florida Senate](#)

As a result, Palm Beach County will no longer require a county-issued Certificate of Competency for the trades listed below. However, businesses must still meet specific requirements to operate.

Affected Trades

As of July 1, 2025, a Certificate of Competency will no longer be required for the following trades:

- Acoustical/Suspended Ceiling
- Carpentry Finish
- Countertop
- Decorative Metal
- Dredging and Land Filling
- Fabric Awnings
- Insulation
- Lightning Protection Systems
- Painting
- Paver Brick/Paver Systems
- Paving
- Plastering
- Reinforcing Steel
- Seal Coating/Striping
- Sign Contractor (Non-Electrical)
- Tennis Court
- Tile, Terrazzo, and Stone
- Underground/Overhead Transmission Lines
- Wood Flooring

What's Changing

1. The Palm Beach County Contractor Regulations Office will no longer issue Certificates of Competency for the trades listed above.
2. These trades will be reclassified in the Contractor Portal as *Installers* (for your specific trade).

What Stays the Same:

1. **Business Tax Receipt (BTR):** *Installers* must obtain a PBC Business Tax Receipt from the Palm Beach County Tax Collector's Office:
<https://www.pbctax.gov/taxes/business-tax/>
2. **New Applications:** The PBC Contractor Regulations Office will continue to process new applications for these trades. Applicants must provide valid Workers Compensation Insurance, Liability Insurance, a Surety Bond, and a current PBC Business Tax Receipt.

3. **Renewals:** *Installers* will still be able to renew annually. The portal will prevent permit issuance if the required documentation is expired.

Need Assistance?

For additional guidance, please contact the Palm Beach County Contractor Regulations Office at (561) 233-5525. We value your understanding as we transition to these new legislative requirements and remain committed to supporting you during this change.